



Health in All Policies Task Force Update to the Strategic Growth Council July 2015-October 2015

The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The Task Force is facilitated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and staffing is provided through a partnership with the Public Health Institute (PHI), with funding from multiple sources. This update shares highlights of Task Force work for the period from July through October of this year. Progress continues on 8 implementation plans endorsed by the SGC, as well as a variety of other projects.

Highlights of Task Force work and interagency projects:

- The **Land Use, Schools, and Health** work group of the HiAP Task Force met twice in August. At the first meeting, members explored the role of schools in the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities program and discussed a draft policy brief the California Department of Education is writing to articulate the connections between sustainable communities and school facility planning. The second meeting focused on providing input to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) on the GIS mapping tool being developed to accompany the General Plan Guidelines.
- The California State Transportation Agency and Task Force staff convened a meeting to discuss **active transportation** data projects, gaps, and opportunities with representatives from a number of California Department of Transportation programs.
- Task Force members participating in the HiAP Task Force's **Housing Siting and Air Quality** work group met to discuss input to OPR to inform the General Plan Guidelines Update and to discuss input to the Air Resources Board (ARB) on draft near-roadway pollution mitigation options identified through ARB-funded research and an extensive literature review conducted in 2015.
- The HiAP Task Force submitted a document titled *HiAP Task Force 2012-2015 Action Report: Farm to Fork* to the SGC at their October 15th meeting. The report describes progress on **farm to fork** activities. The report was developed by Task Force staff and members, based upon a survey and interviews with Task Force members. The report describes tangible outcomes including establishing an interagency California farm-to-fork office, strengthening the ability of schools and other institutions to provide locally grown fruits and vegetables, and steps to promote land use approaches to increase access to healthy food. The document also discusses unexpected outcomes, the value of this approach, and possible future directions.
- HiAP staff conducted **annual 1:1 meetings** with HiAP Task Force member agencies this past summer. Key themes heard during discussions with department leadership include growing interest in embedding equity into government functions, strengthening relationships with other departments, diffusing HiAP approaches across government, and taking on new opportunities for cross sector action to advance health, equity, and sustainability.
- On September 2nd Task Force members from 12 government entities attended the **Task Force's fall quarterly meeting**. Key discussion items included reviewing and finalizing the Farm to Fork Action

Report, providing input on draft recommendations for creating violence-free and resilient communities, and participating in group reflection and brainstorming about the strategic direction of future Task Force work. Task Force members celebrated the successes of the Task Force thus far and expressed excitement and interest in deepening the work and identifying more collaborative opportunities. A notable update from this meeting was provided by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, highlighting the release of the 2015 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (a statewide strategy for outdoor recreation leadership and action). Products that accompany the plan's release include the GIS based Community Fact Finder Tool which provides park and demographic metrics for a half mile area around a site and the Park Access Tool, which provides a ratio of park acreage and income in each census tract. The plan can be viewed at the following link: www.parks.ca.gov/SCORP

- The Task Force held a **HiAP Learning Academy lunch-and-learn session** about evaluating and measuring the impact of HiAP. Task Force members engaged with one another on topics such as the complexity of policy change, HiAP as a tool for breaking down communication silos and barriers across government, the importance of sharing the value of HiAP so that the messages permeate within government entities, and how to measure and share the success of the California HiAP Task Force.
- Task Force members continue to explore opportunities for cross sector action to promote **violence-free and resilient communities**. HiAP staff have convened and gathered recommendations from a multi-agency ad hoc working group, the CDPH Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee, and other non-government stakeholders, and are meeting with agencies to gain endorsement and finalize the action plan. State government participants include representatives from the Department of Justice, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department of Education, Department of Public Health, Department of Social Services, Board of State and Community Corrections, and Department of Food and Agriculture.

Highlights of infrastructure development for the Task Force:

Many Task Force staffing and funding developments are underway. CDPH is in the process of hiring and onboarding a new Policy Unit Chief for the Office of Health Equity and has also begun interviewing candidates for two additional HiAP staff team members. This is an important investment of state dollars in supporting the HiAP initiative.

Highlights of HiAP external capacity building and outreach:

The California HiAP Task Force continues to be a model for other states and communities in California. Staff and Task Force members frequently give presentations about their involvement in and lessons learned from participating in the initiative. For example:

- On September 16th HiAP staff gave a presentation about implementing HiAP approaches at the California Directors of Public Health Nursing 2015 Fall Conference in San Diego, California.
- On September 24th HiAP staff moderated a webinar discussion about the connections between community design principles to crime prevention and health. The webinar was a collaborative effort between HiAP staff, the Local Government Commission, and The California Endowment.
- On September 29th HiAP staff provided an update on violence prevention activities to the Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee and engaged members in dialogue about the objectives and activities of the draft Task Force action plan to promote violence-free and resilient communities.
- On September 30th, HiAP staff and Task Force members gave a presentation about the Task Force's work on healthy food procurement with state dollars, including a new partnership on this topic between the Department of General Services and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

For further information about the California Health in All Policies Task Force, please see http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php or contact hiap@cdph.ca.gov.